

## **Exhibit A**

### **Clean Version of The Pending Claims in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/770,643**

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
2. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that:
  - (a) encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2; and
  - (b) hybridizes to the complement of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 under highly stringent conditions of 0.5 M NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, 7% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) and 1 mM EDTA at 65°C and washing in 0.1x SSC/0.1%SDS at 68°C.
3. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2.
6. (New) A recombinant expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 3.
7. (New) The recombinant expression vector of claim 6, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
8. (New) A host cell comprising the recombinant expression vector of claim 6.